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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U S C § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	10/075,536
Filing Date	February 14, 2002
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Group Art Unit	2878
Examiner Name	LE, Que Tan
Attorney Docket Number	P-5819-US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz Pat. Office 47 (Apr 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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b	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
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Serial No.: 10/075,536 Group Art Unit: 2878

Filed: February 14, 2002

Title: CONFIGURATION FOR DETECTING OPTICAL SIGNALS IN AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL CHANNEL IN A PLANAR LIGHT CIRCUIT, ATTENUATOR INCLUDING THE CONFIGURATION, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE CONFIGURATION

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action dated March 11, 2004, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application, setting a shortened three-month period for reply that expired on June 11, 2003. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, including the required fee, extending the deadline for response to August 11, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.